

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2192**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Reiner HAMMERICH et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 2192 |
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| Application No.: 10/676,825 |) | Examiner: Dao, T. |
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2008, the period for response to which extends through September 18, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116,

Applicants propose to amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.